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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD FR EC

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: FRENCH BUREAUCRACY BLOCKS IMPORT  
LICENSES FOR SENSITIVE ITEMS.

REFS: STATE 157641; PARIS 18532

1. SINCE JUNE 23 IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR IMPORTERS  
TO OBTAIN LICENSES FOR IMPORTS (REGARDLESS OF ORIGIN)  
OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE NOTICE TO IMPORTERS OF THAT  
DATE. THESE ITEMS ARE COTTON TEE SHIRTS, MEN'S COTTON  
SHIRTS, WOMEN'S COTTON BLOUSES, AND COTTON THREAD. AT  
FIRST BUREAUCRATIC CONFUSION WAS UNDERSTANDABLE  
BECAUSE THE OFFICIAL NOTICE WAS UNCLEAR AND SECOND  
BECAUSE THE PROMPT REACTION BY THE EC COMMISSION IN  
BRUSSELS CAST DOUBT ON THE LEGALITY OF FRENCH MEASURES.  
THE CIVIL SERVANTS PREFERRED TO WAIT FOR A RESOLUTION  
OF THE PROBLEM BETWEEN PARIS AND BRUSSELS BEFORE  
AUTHORIZING ANY IMPORTS OF THE SENSITIVE ITEMS.

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2. WE ARE TOLD BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE  
THAT THE GOF HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH BRUSSELS ON  
QUOTAS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1977 FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS  
FROM SPECIFIC SOURCES. DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN  
A FEW DAYS IN THE JOURNAL OFFICIEL OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, SINCE TREATMENT OF IMPORTS

FROM THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE THE SAME UNDER EITHER  
REGIME, THERE IS NO REASON WHY LICENSES CONTINUE TO  
BE DENIED.

3. WE TOLD PREVEL (DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS  
AT TRADE MINISTRY) OF OUR SERIOUS CONCERN OVER DELAYS  
IN ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND ASKED HIM TO REPORT OUR  
CONCERN TO TRADE MINISTER ROSSI. WE REMINDED PREVEL  
OF ASSURANCES WE HAD BEEN GIVEN (STATE REFTEL) ABOUT  
TREATMENT OF OUR PRODUCTS. HE PROMISED TO BRING  
MATTER PROMPTLY TO MINISTER'S ATTENTION JULY 28.  
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